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ON OTHER FISHERIES ISSUES

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1. STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND STATISTICS
(STACRES) RECOMMENDED AGAINST CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO
REDUCE MESH SIZE FROM 130MM TO 75MM IN DIVISION 3M
REDFISH FISHERY, PENDING COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF
1978/1979 DATA ON SELECTIVITY STUDIES AND REVIEW OF
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AVAILABLE MESH REGULATION AND DATA PERTAINING TO OTHER
REDFISH FISHERIES. CANADA HAS AGAIN REQUESTED THAT
STACRES PROVIDE GOC WITH ADVICE ON SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR
MANAGEMENT OF SHRIMP AND CANADA'S HARP AND HOOD SEAL
FISHERIES. STACRES PROVIDED ADVICE ON SEALS IN 1977
AT GOC REQUEST. PROPOSAL THAT STACRES MEET IN BERGEN,
NORWAY, IN NOVEMBER 1978 TOWARD THIS END WAS ADOPTED

BY ICNAF COMMISSION DURING FINAL PLENARY ON JUNE 6. CANADA REQUESTED THAT STACRES BE FLEXIBLE AS TO MEETING DATE AND SUGGESTED STACRES MIGHT MEET FOLLOWING OCTOBER 1978 ICES MEETING TO BE HELD IN COPENHAGEN. STACRES ALSO WILL MEET IN JAPAN IN 1979 TO CONSIDER ILLEX SQUID AND CAPELIN. STACRES REPORT WAS ADOPTED IN FINAL PLENARY.

2. IN STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL CONTROL (STACTIC), SPAIN, WITHOUT SPECIFYING U.S., REFERRED TO U.S. SEIZURE OF SPANISH FV COSTA DE NORUEGA AS EXAMPLE OF ARREST OF MASTER PERTAINING TO SUBJECT OF IMPRISONMENT OF FISHERMEN FOR FISHERIES VIOLATIONS. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INFORMALLY EXPRESSED TO U.S. DEL LOW PRIORITY GIVEN TO STACTIC BY COMMISSION IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME ALLOTTED TO STACTIC ISSUES. STACTIC DID NOT ADOPT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS PENDING NEXT MEETING DURING SPECIAL ICNAF MEETING IN CANADA IN FEBRUARY 1979.

3. CAN DEL EXPRESSED CONCERN IN PANEL 3 RE INCREASED EFFORT IN 3M (FLEMISH CAP) INDICATED BY REPEATED SIGHTINGS OF TWO PANAMANIAN AND TWO VENEZUELAN FISHING VESSELS SINCE JANUARY 1978. CAN DEL OFFERED RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO INFORM PANAMA AND VENEZUELA OF THE COMMISSION'S MANAGEMENT REGIME, OPERATIONS, CURRENT FULL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UTILIZATION OF THE STOCKS, AND OBJECTIVES AND IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT FISHERIES IN THE AREA BE CONDUCTED IN CONFORMITY WITH ICNAF MANAGEMENT REGIME. PANEL 3 RECOMMENDED 1979 STOCK ALLOCATIONS FOR AREAS OUTSIDE CANADIAN JURISDICTION (FLEMISH CAP) AND FOR AREAS OF OVERLAPPING STOCKS. IN MOST CASES GOC REQUESTED AND RECEIVED INCREASES RELATIVE TO 1978 ALLOCATIONS. AGGREGATE TAC INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER 1978 LEVEL. PANEL 3 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ADOPTED IN FINAL PLENARY

4. AT MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (STACFAD) ON JUNE 5, PORTUGAL INITIATED CRITICISM OF 1978-79 BUDGET PROPOSAL OF (CANADIAN) \$472,300. BULGARIA, GDR, AND POLAND, IN OBSERVER CAPACITY, ALSO CRITICIZED RISING COSTS IN VIEW OF DECREASING ALLOCATIONS AND APPROACHING TERMINATION OF ICNAF CONVENTION. IN FINAL PLENARY ON JUNE 6 COMMISSION ULTIMATELY ADOPTED 1978-79 BUDGET OF (CANADIAN) \$454,300, OR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PERCENT INCREASE OVER 77/78. HOWEVER, SITUATION RE EEC MEMBER STATES IS UNCLEAR SINCE THEY PLAN TO WITHDRAW FROM ICNAF EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1978. SEVERAL EEC MEMBERS

STATED UNWILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO ICNAF BUDGET
BEYOND THAT TIME.

5. CANADIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON 1979
ALLOCATION OF MOST STOCKS SUBJECT TO FOREIGN FISHING
INSIDE GOC ZONE WERE COMPLETED JUNE 2. U.S. DEL DID

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NOT OBSERVE MEETINGS, BUT WAS PROVIDED COPY OF
ALLOCATIONS. IN THE MAIN, AGGREGATE SURPLUS IS
SIMILAR TO 1978 EXCEPT COD IN AREAS 2J3KL WAS
INCREASED FROM 135,000 TONS TO 162,000 TONS; S. HAKE
IN AREA 4VX DECREASED FROM 81,000 TONS TO 70,000 TONS.
CAPELIN IN AREA 3LNO AND SQUID ILLEX IN AREA 3 AND 4
WILL BE DETERMINED FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 1979 STACRES
MEETING IN JAPAN. GOC HAS RESERVED AMOUNTS OF MOST
SPECIES FOR LATER ALLOCATION. AMOUNTS TO BE

SUBSEQUENTLY ALLOCATED WILL APPARENTLY BE BASED ON
WILLINGNESS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE SPECIAL
INCENTIVES TO HELP DEVELOP GOC FISHERIES (E.G.
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FAVORABLE MARKET ACCESS FOR GOC EXPORTS). ALLOCATION
OF COD IN AREAS 2J3KL WAS WITHHELD, PENDING OUTCOME OF
BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOC AND OTHER COUNTRIES,
PRIMARILY EEC AND SPAIN.

6. U.S. DEL HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH
PORTUGUESE REP. CAPT. J. C. CARDOZO ON JUNE 5 RE
TECHNICAL TALKS ON POSSIBLE GIFA TO BE HELD
IN LISBON ON JUNE 8-9. CARDOZO INDICATED PORTUGAL
PREFERS TO USE SPANISH GIFA AS THE MODEL FOR U.S.-GOP
GIFA. CARDOZO REMAINS UNCERTAIN WHETHER GOP FOREIGN
MINISTRY WILL PARTICIPATE IN GIFA TALKS IN LISBON
ON JUNE 8-9.

7. AFTER REVIEWING DANISH/FAROESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO GIFA, U.S. DEL MET AGAIN WITH DANISH/FAROESE DEL
ON JUNE 6. FAROESE STRESSED THEIR DESIRE FOR REFERENCE
TO THE OVERWHELMING DEPENDENCE OF THE FAROE ISLANDS
ON FISHERIES. U.S. DEL INDICATED UNWILLINGNESS TO
PLACE SUCH A REFERENCE IN THE BODY OF THE AGREEMENT,
BUT SUGGESTED POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE OF AN AGREED MINUTE.
WITH RESPECT TO ISSUE OF FAROE ISLANDS ACCEDING AS
A PARTY, U.S. DEL REITERATED NEED TO EXAMINE
DANISH AND FAROESE FISHERIES LEGISLATION WHICH DANISH/
FAROESE AGREED TO SUPPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TALKS
CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT THAT U.S. DEL WILL PROPOSE
A REVISED DRAFT TO THE DANISH/FAROESE AFTER REVIEW
BY DEPARTMENT OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES. NEED FOR ANOTHER
MEETING (WHICH TENTATIVELY WOULD BE HELD IN WASHINGTON)
WILL BE ASSESSED AT THAT TIME.
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